

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

ANTHONY THOMAS HEWITT,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:18-cv-350
Chief Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.
Magistrate Judge Chelsey M. Vascura

ORDER

This matter is before the Court for consideration of the parties' Joint Motion for Attorney's Fees. (ECF No. 25.) Upon reviewing the motion, the Court **GRANTS** the parties' Joint Stipulation for an Award of Attorney's Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and awards Plaintiff \$4,044.90 in attorney fees, expenses, and costs. The award of attorney fees, costs, and expenses will fully satisfy and settle all Plaintiff's claims under 28 U.S.C. § 2412 that may be payable in this case.

Any fees paid belong to Plaintiff and can be offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt that Plaintiff owes the United States, pursuant to the decision in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010). If counsel for the parties can verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, the Defendant agrees to direct that the award be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to an EAJA assignment duly signed by Plaintiff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

1-31-2019

DATE

EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE